

HAVANA.

Views from an "Azotea."

The Tacon Theatre—The Cerro—Belen—The Bay—Morro Castle.

The Old, Old Story: An Episode of Love and Death.

Night in the Tropics.

Nearly every evening, when the sun is low on the horizon, I climb up almost perpendicular stairs, and find myself on the "azotea," or terrace-roof of a large, square, three-story house, situated in the densest part of the "Cerro," the beautiful city of Havana. It is a place of spot, and well repays me the effort I make to reach it; for on its broad expanse I can breathe freely, and welcome the breeze that comes with the nightingale, and which brings "healing on its wings," after the hot, tropical working-day. Here, I enjoy, from the edge of the sea, the wide panorama of land and sea that extends beneath and around me. The crowded city lies at my feet; the ship-laden bay is spread out before me; I can watch the ever-coming, ever-going light of the masts, the waves, and the play of the white-capped sails. The "azotea,"—may, even taste its salt spray on my lips.

Look over the parapet of my azotea with me, gentle reader! As you look down upon them, the streets of the close-built city appear to you like cuttings in a compact mass of stones and buildings. Not a single street is visible, but the shade of a single tree! Those old-time, adventurous Spaniards who founded Havana could spare no space for adornment, or even for comfort. They built the future metropolis of Spanish America in series of ranks of thick-walled houses, and then, looking up at the sky with strong regrets, "to keep out the English and the Indians." You can still see parts of the old city, and one or two little, picturesque-looking houses.

Do you remark how low the houses are?—the majority of one story only, and I can tell you why. Havana has been visited by an earthquake, and, in this terrible climate, the higher up we get in the air, the less likely is the wind to blow down upon us. The result is, that the houses are low, and the streets are narrow, and the houses are built with a view to the tropics.

Look over there, friend! That great building, with the bare, red roof, is the theatre. Its interior is magnificent; it is worth a journey only to see its gilded, carved boxes filled with the aristocracy of Havana. The theatre is a masterpiece of architecture, and the houses are built with a view to the tropics.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS.

The Union Pacific Railroad and Its Missouri River Bridge.

Where Is the Eastern Terminus of That Road?

The Anti-Omaha Side of the Question.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Dec. 20.—As a daily reader of THE TRIBUNE, I have not for a long time seen any correspondence from Council Bluffs. The paper has many readers here who admire its independence, no matter under what management it is published. It has been long known that Western Iowa is a champion of free thought, and this opinion is held by many who do not fully appreciate or endorse its political affiliations. It is as a newspaper that it has won many admirers and readers, and not as a partisan publication. In extending the line of railroads are always open for free, fair, and unimpaired statements of facts, I will undertake in this letter a reply, in addition to other matters, to a letter signed "Tested," dated at Omaha, Neb., and published in your issue of the 12th inst. The letter to which I refer undertakes to give the Omaha theory of the Missouri River and Transfer question. The people on the east side of the river find no fault with this attempt. It is their right to have a candid hearing, but on this is not a mere local question, but one of national importance. The facts connected with this question.

The Missouri River, the southward between the two cities. On the Omaha side, it closely lies the bluffs which constitute the geological formation of this section of the Continent. By no doing, it leaves to the eastward a broad plain, 3 miles in width, of a perfect level, and wholly free from any obstructions. The river flows up and down the river, for all the railroads in the world. This plan is bounded on the east by the bluffs which give name to our city, and said which, and as the foot which, it is charmingly and picturesquely situated. Nature has made the river a highway for commerce, and the river is a highway for commerce.

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TO RENT—COTTAGE, 7 ROOMS, ON WEST SIDE.

TO RENT—UPPER PART OF COTTAGE, 6 ROOMS.

TO RENT—STORY FRAME DWELLING ON

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Bookkeepers, Clerks, &c.

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Times calls for the establish-
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ster, and its membership is
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at a table of the time which
ing lady finds hanging heavy.

Who will do for the girls
Mesdames Howe and Mrs.
or those of Boston?

ATION OF TITLES

A. WELLES has written a short
to our New York namesake
and the illegality of taking
property, such as mortgages,
in relation to the property inter-
dicted that the mortgage was the
of the land mortgaged as the
would buy. But the land
holder of the original title
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is grossly unjust. The fol-
lowing list taxation of evidences
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having ten acres of wood-
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one coat-pocket, and a four-
wheel, with possibly a mill-pit.

Court of the United States
a State cannot tax land be-
longing, and that no two States
place of land. This decision
for any man holding a
property outside the State in
residence in the Courts any at
mortgage.

would be on property. No
created by giving a note or a
are merely written promises.
If money is taxed, the note
ought not to be. If land is
taxed, the mortgage is part of
it. This is the gist of the
promises and agreements are
Only property should be
taxed titles (i. e., evidences, of
right not to be taxed.

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of a decline in the foreign
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ifornia's tables of Protestant
Corydon, and Armah in 1871,
and in California, Missions.

From this work it appears
of Protestant Christians in
the is no greater than 250,000,
for mortifying showing com-
pensation expenditures involved
was machinery of the same
of missionary labor. The
ten years has been 84,000,
as the writers of the pamphlet
proposition was maintained, "the
number would amount to
that there would, however, hardly
that there will be any such in-
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siderate state that nine-tenths
of heathens and aboriginal unbel-
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and, whichever missionary set
in. In the case of five of the
positive decrease, which leads
surprise: "From this circum-
stance to send foreign societies are
unable to send out more mis-
sionaries, and the missionary
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them.

Upon the subject of finances
are an ominous silence.

council, in rushing through the
City of Chicago to City Railway
even to provide that "two-
d be run upon the street,
rail" cars are the bane of ex-
tensive Division of the City. We
if the law were properly
"boarded" cars could be
of any other nuisance. There
passed July 18, 1867, which
trial for any of the horse-railway
City of Chicago to require any of
to run on horse-car streets, or any per-
son in the said city, at any time, in-
cluding the said streets, as a
conduet conductor. For each and
the provisions of that act shall be
subject to a fine not less than
\$10 nor exceeding \$500.

not construed to mean a driver,
other persons to drive, with the
driver, without a driver. If
able to run a horse-car without
a name man would think of
compel this. The ordinance
of protection passengers, if it
is to be the duty of the City At-
torney to the railway company which
guards this ordinance.

the one-sided comment be-
tween the United States is shown by
list of merchandise from Cuba were
\$83,777,103; in 1871, \$57,054,253; in
1872, \$77,077,725; and in 1873, \$90,000,000.
This during
the year there has been, with the
exception of 1872, a steady increase
in the island, and in the six years this
more than fifty-seven millions to Cuba
from the United States. The same
period has in like manner, though
less, been the case with the United
States. In 1871, \$178,060,000; in 1872,
\$187,117,767; and in 1873, \$197,000,000.
It is to be noted that the increase
for 1874 was temporary, and that the
decrease for 1875 was due to the fact
that, for the value of our exports to
Cuba, and our imports from the island,
is the product of our gold mines is
the difference between our ex-
ports and our imports.

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